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## Community Calendar

November	3	Daylight Savings Time Ends
	5	Election Day
	7	Women's Club Meeting 7 pm
	11	Veterans Day
	11	Activities Committee Meeting 7 pm
	14	Fireworks Committee Meeting 12 pm
	16	Thanksgiving Drive for Hope Emergency 10 am-12 pm @ the Pavilion
	17	Bengals Tailgate 2 pm
	21	Community Volunteers Committee Meeting 7pm
	28	Thanksgiving- Office Closed
December	1	Cookies with Santa 2 pm- 3 pm
	5	Women's Club Meeting 7 pm
	9	Activities Committee Meeting 7 pm
	18	Legend Deadline for Articles and Ads
	24	Christmas Eve
	25	Christmas Day- Office Closed
	31	New Year's Eve
January	1	New Year's Day- Office Closed Vehicle and Boat Renewals Due
	2	Women's Club Meeting 7 pm
	13	Activities Committee Meeting 7 pm
	18	BOT Meeting 10 AM @ River Hills Church
	20	Martin Luther King Day Inauguration Day



## Fayetteville Fire & EMS Chief Mark A. Rosselot

To the residents of Lake Lorelei,

Thank you on behalf of Fayetteville Fire & EMS for your support on past Fire & EMS levies.

Please **VOTE YES** on our levies that you will be presented this November 5th.

Our department responds to fire and emergency medical services to the community of Lake Lorelei on a 24-hour basis.

The money from these levies helps with maintaining our apparatus, equipment & building. It also helps with paying the on-staff duty crews and our paid-per-run members and funding the numerous training hours that we are required to have. These training sessions make us better prepared for the many different types of emergencies we may get called for.

Additionally, many of our department members possess a variety of specialty training so that we may provide the best possible response to emergencies when we are called upon. We have personnel trained in dive emergencies, technical rescue, hazardous materials response & mitigation, and fire investigation.

We currently staff a paid (2) person crew, 6 AM to 6 PM, Monday through Friday. After 6 PM, during the week and on weekends, there is an On Duty crew that can respond from their home.

Automatic and mutual aid with other neighboring departments, such as Wayne Township and Mt. Orab, has provided a stronger and more immediate response for our residents when an emergency arises.

Fayetteville Fire & EMS is always striving to provide the best service possible to our community and the residents of Lake Lorelei. For the past couple of years, the residents who are protected by Fayetteville Fire & EMS have had an insurance rating of 4. I am happy to say that due to all our hard work, the department has recently been given a 3 rating! A fire department's ISO rating is a determination of how well your department can serve its community. This is accomplished through training, proper equipment, response times, staffing, etc. The lower the number, the **better** the rating. As a property owner in Lake Lorelei, you should share this with your insurance company. They should adjust and lower your insurance payments.

Our goal is to serve and protect both the life and property of the residents and visitors of Lake Lorelei! Again, we thank you!



Election Day is  
**November 5, 2024**

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## Board of Trustees – President's Corner Bruce Simeone

There have been a ton of improvements taking place over the summer period that I feel the need to mention in this issue. I hear many people indicate they pay a lot of money each year with nothing to show for it. I don't agree with this statement at its core. I would like to acknowledge just some of the items that were accomplished this summer.

A huge thank you goes to **John Wyman**, **Jeff Fisher**, **Stephen Diacont**, and **Mike Hopkins** for their work on the Roads Committee. The repaving that was done this summer and the improvement in the front entrance was awesome work. Though not all are complete, as we still need to line the new pavement at the entrance, the repaving and widening have made access easier and more efficient, even on busy days. What you don't see is just as important as what you do. The wiring improvement **James Padgett** made under the blacktop increases the system's reliability and, in the end, reduces maintenance expenses. At the same time, I would like to add a big thank you to the gate personnel. **Rhona Reeves** for managing the gate, **Katie Butler**, **Cindy Williams**, and **Dave Barnett** for the extra attention they gave to controlling traffic patterns during the paving. Finally, a thank you to **Chris K.** for the hours spent during this time as well. This entire process was not an easy task and, quite frankly, in some cases, dangerous. It seemed some people struggled with keeping their right foot reasonably soft on the peddle as they drove through the construction!

Again, what you don't see is as important as what you do. Though not totally complete, the office has been rebuilt over the summer through the efforts of **Kevin Hollstegge** for the upgraded electronic systems and **Steve Wessel**, **Steve Valter**, and **Chris K.** for the actual design and rebuild of the interior. They completely replaced the subflooring in the building's back area as it was rotten to the point the floor had holes into the crawl space. They redesigned and installed the sump pump, moved walls, repainted, laid new top flooring, and added a conference room. These are just a fraction of the improvements that have set us up for the new office staffing structure that we have mentioned in the community meetings. Likewise, it sets us up for the ability to assist people who might need help with the new electronic voting process we will be using in the future. There is still more to come that will completely change the function of the area as you walk in the door. Another thank-you goes to **James Padgett** for completely rewiring the breaker panel, moving outlets, and so much more to bring it to code. Finally, another thank-you to **Brittany Smith** and **Donita Thiel** for their office design work and, of course, color, style, and furniture coordination. This entire effort saved us an estimated \$60,000 versus contractors.

As we have communicated for over a year now, the lake valve was opened on October 15. This earlier opening was so we could lower the water to complete the committed spillway repairs that were agreed to with ODNR. What you can expect to see, weather permitting is power washing of the spillway base on October 19 and 20. From there, we will continue the crack cutting/cleaning and utilize a special chalking that is required to fill the cut cracks. It will all culminate with a seal layer covering the entire spillway. As a BOT, we believed it better to drop the lake early this year versus keeping it down longer in 2025 and risking the filling process taking us farther into the season.

Finally, I want to thank **Jonathan Riehle** for his time on the BOT. He has informed the BOT that due to personal reasons, he must resign from his position before the end of his term. We will be looking to fill his position within the next 90 days if we can find a candidate who is willing.

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## Clubhouse Recovery Project Len Pohlar

### RESTORING OUR COMMUNITY – SECURING OUR FUTURE MY PERSPECTIVE ON THE RECOVERY OF OUR CLUBHOUSE

PLEASE READ TO THE END — This article is intended to serve as a point of reference for a crucial decision of this community. Though I am a member of the Clubhouse Design Committee, I am presenting this article to you as a member of the community. This serves as my plea to you to seek a better future. One where we can recover our clubhouse AND move forward to build upon what we have.

The votes that have taken place up to this point have served as an orderly and legal path toward defining a consensus plan that meets the approval of most of our member community in a way that meets the requirements of our governing documents. This is a necessary path that we must take.

Let us first briefly review the past. — The first vote was focused on what was called a “Clubhouse Campus Master Plan.” This was intended to improve upon past deficiencies all around the lake after years of significant funding constraints. This proposal was a noble but failed effort to create a path to a better future. Taking a strategic view at this point was the right place to start this journey, but the plan did not pass a vote of the members. — The second vote removed several items from the overall plan and split other options apart from the clubhouse itself for separate member approval. Again, the vote failed. Time continues to tick by!

So where are we now in this consensus-building process while we are moving toward a 3rd vote? — **Several options are being studied:**

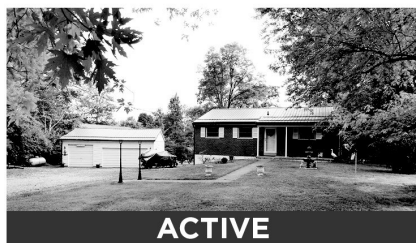
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# Lake Lorelei

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1. A clubhouse building with a set of minimum requirements established by the board and the Clubhouse Leadership Team that includes the building repairs, necessary code upgrades/design impacts, and a few key improvements that will carry us into the future. The cost of these non-code improvements is being separately defined as best we are able.
2. Cost to build a new structure based upon a pole or steel barn construction approach. The scope and size of this new structure are designed to meet the same requirements as an upgrade to the current clubhouse, thus allowing for an apples-to-apples comparison.
3. Cost to completely remove the clubhouse resulting in just a leveled landscaped space. This approach would also require an amendment to our legal documents that currently REQUIRE the LLPOA to provide a clubhouse.

All the lake communities in Ohio like ours have clubhouses available to members. I personally cannot envision a lake community without a convenient place to come together as a community. A single clubhouse recovery plan will be selected by the board for inclusion in this next ballot.

So, what can we expect going forward? The Communications Team will be communicating very soon with the LLPOA membership in every way they can. They will use both digital and non-digital means to provide you information. The Lake Lorelei website and director emails will provide online access to that information. Expect postings on the official LLPOA Facebook page. — For members not engaged in an online community, they will offer handouts at various locations as well as a flyer in the ballot mailing.

PLEASE REMEMBER, WE ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS!! We are just trying to do our best job for this community. There are many diverse and conflicting thoughts within our membership that deserve to have their voices heard.

**So, what happens if vote #3 fails?** — I am not sure from where I sit. As members, we will need to seek a new choice that fits within the requirements of our legal code. Costs due to inflation are likely to increase. There will be a cost to any further delays just because it pushes resolution into the future. We have had to negotiate with insurance companies, and now we must negotiate amongst ourselves to reach a consensus decision. This takes time to complete legally and fairly to all members.

I personally believe that the current clubhouse leadership team has done an outstanding job as a team of all volunteer members working to keep this process moving forward. I commend them for their effort, and I ask each member to thoroughly and objectively evaluate the information that will be presented on the website and all other provided materials. Once the website is ready for viewing, a director's email will provide the needed link.

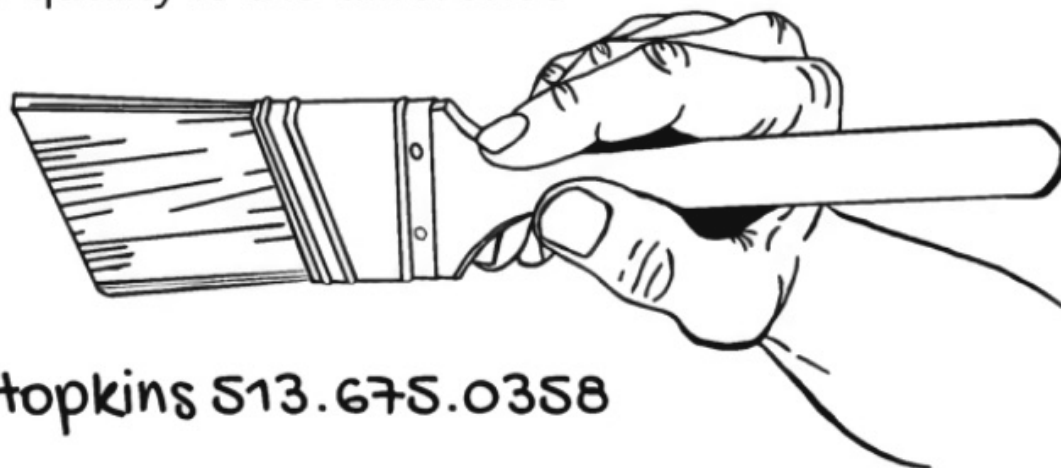
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Please join me in **RESTORING OUR COMMUNITY– SECURING OUR FUTURE**

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## Community Volunteers Committee TJ Jackson

2024 has been a productive but somewhat quiet year for the Community Enhancement Volunteers Committee. We had a great turnout for the Annual Beautification and BBQ (B&B) event back in May. Throughout the summer, we cleaned up around the beaches and out front by the chalet/water wheel. We acquired some new barrels that will be placed in the common areas next spring for use as trash cans. The volunteers who show up to help make Lake Lorelei a better place continue to be outstanding. The Committee held off on any big projects in anticipation of what kind of support would be needed next year. Stay tuned...

A bit of sad news... the folks who provided support for designing and printing our **Lake Lorelei Calendar** are not available any longer. With this news coming so close to the end of the year, we have decided that we will not be able to produce the calendars as we have done for so many years. Unfortunately, this was our biggest fundraiser each year. We will work with the community to figure out new ways to fund our projects. The support of our neighbors for this Committee has always been tremendous and greatly appreciated.

We would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to the community members who have purchased mailboxes. We have sold several this year. Any money that we bring in over and above the cost of materials goes into a fund to support future improvement projects. We appreciate your support.

To finish out the year, we plan on decorating the front of the community around the Chalet again this year. We will put the word out (around Thanksgiving) so that our **Volunteer Task Force** can converge on the front of the lake to make it pretty for the holiday season.

Thanks again for the great support. Have an awesome holiday season.

**ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE – LET THAT PERSON BE YOU!**

## Women's Club MaryBeth Cooper, Donna Murray, & Martha Wallace

A super big thank you to all who participated, either selling or buying or both, at our fall yard sale to make it a success! It was an adventure working the gate, handing out maps, and watching young and old hurrying to seek treasures and needs. It's a lot of work, but it's worth the energy to see the smiles when the unexpected item strikes the eye and pocket. If you haven't had the opportunity, please join us in the spring and revel in the excitement.

This year has been a whirl of activity. Our prior board was installed at the September dinner meeting. Officers for this year are **Martha Wallace**, Treasurer; **Donna Murray**, Secretary; **Darlene Nartker**, Vice President; and **MaryBeth Cooper**, President. What a joy it was to reminisce about the highlights of our activities and service to the lake and Brown County.

We remembered **Marion Sullivan**, one of our life members who recently passed away. May she be at peace.

In October, our hands were busy tying fleece blankets for children in the foster care program of Brown County. How special to see the women work as a team and meet new friends.

We invite all of you to join us in our next venture. The food and personal care collection for Hope Emergency. These are items not covered by their food stamps and are always needed. On **November 16**, from 10 to noon, we will have helpers at the pavilion to accept any donations. Food, soap, paper products, or money, whatever you are able to contribute. Please help us help those in need. Enjoy the fall, and get ready for the holidays.





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## Shoreline Maintenance Committee TJ Jackson and Jeff McGee

There have been a lot of good things happening around Lake Lorelei in 2024 to improve water quality and the health of our lakes. The dredging effort was successfully completed this summer. One additional service provided to community members involved placing rip rap on shorelines from the dredger's barge. Many of our neighbors took advantage of this service. The shorelines done by the dredging company look great and are very well done.

The Shoreline Maintenance Committee performs an annual inspection of the entire shoreline (from a boat) of Lake Lorelei in the fall. About 8 years ago, a list of approximately **150 lakefront properties** that needed attention (i.e., showing signs of erosion) was compiled after a thorough inspection of the shoreline. Over the last several years, that number has come down due to property owners taking action to stop erosion from their shorelines (mostly by installing rip rap).

The latest shoreline inspection was completed on September 20, 2024. The results of that inspection showed that there are only **22 properties** that need attention on the list. Ten of those properties are owned by LLPOA. This is great progress!!!

For properties needing attention, letters from the LLPOA office manager will be written to those property owners to notify them of the erosion and to properly maintain their shorelines per the LLPOA governing documents.

The inspections are done in the fall so that property owners can be notified and arrange for contractors to bring in rip rap, etc., during winter when the lake is lowered. Since the lake is being lowered in October for spillway repairs, this provides an additional month to address any shoreline issues.

Keeping our shoreline properly maintained (via rip rap and vegetative solutions) helps keep our lake waters healthy by minimizing sediment inflow.

We have information on shoreline maintenance available on the LLPOA website ([www.lakelorelei.com](http://www.lakelorelei.com)). A rip rap standard and an alternative to the rip rap standard (i.e., vegetative applications) are posted on the Shoreline Committee page. Click on Committees and Clubs, and you will find our page.

If you want to participate and/or share ideas on additional shoreline improvement actions, please contact Jeff McGee at 513-200-7454 or TJ Jackson at 513-490-3778. Have a great Shoreline Maintenance Season, neighbors!!!



## Committee Name Contributor

Hello everyone! With 2024 coming to an end, the Roads Committee does not have much of an update. We are putting together our 3-year plan and once those tasks are finalized, we will include the plans in an article.

We have not forgotten about the cul-de-sacs that were not paved to a satisfactory standard. We've been in contact with the contractor multiple times but unfortunately they do not seem to have our issue as a priority. Nevertheless, the cul-de-sacs will be fixed. We are working on this as quickly as possible.

As always, if you have questions, concerns or see an issue that needs addressed, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We hope everyone stays safe and has a great Holiday Season!

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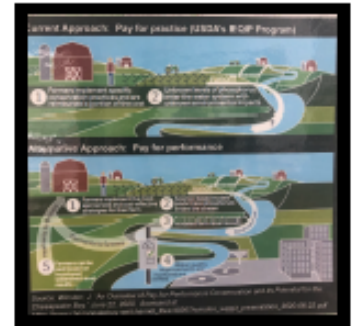
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# Water Quality Committee Cindi Wetzel



## Lake Lorelei Water Quality Committee Learns About Our Watershed

A visit to the Ohio EPA aquatic laboratory not only enlightened the LLWQ committee members about our watershed's intricate dynamics but also highlighted the importance of community involvement in protecting our natural resources. Paul Weaver emphasized that understanding the various factors influencing Lake Lorelei—such as agricultural runoff, water temperature, and biodiversity—is crucial for maintaining its health.



During the tour of the “mesocosms” setup, members observed how these experimental enclosures simulate real-world conditions. This hands-on approach allows scientists to test hypotheses under controlled variables while still reflecting the complexities



of natural ecosystems. Paul explained how small organisms, often overlooked, play significant roles in the overall health of the lake by contributing to nutrient cycling and serving as indicators of water quality.

As the committee members navigated through the lab, their enthusiasm grew—questions flowed freely about the implications of the research being conducted. They left inspired and equipped with new knowledge, eager to share their insights with the community. The experience underscored the interconnectedness of our actions and

the health of the watershed, reinforcing the idea that even small changes in our behavior can lead to significant improvements in our local environment.

In closing, the Lake Lorelei Water Quality Committee is committed to advocating for practices that protect our lake and its ecosystem. They hope to bring the information learned from this enriching visit back to the community and encourage everyone to be stewards of our precious natural resources.



LLWQ: Jim Berg, Chuck Farmer, Joe Heitker, Jim Rundo, Jeannie Aronow, Kathy Haberer, Lee Duncan, Cindi Wetzel.





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## Activities Committee Cindi Wetzel

# Activities Committee NEWS

### What an Amazing Summer

Summer KickOff

Chair—Mark Haberer &  
Marcia Greenwald

June Poker

Chair—Cindi Wetzel & Team

Bluegrass Concert

Chair—John Huyck & Team

August Poker Run

Chair—Cindi Wetzel & Team

Octoberfest

Chair—Bob & Cheryl  
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Activities Committee  
meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday  
of each month

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## 2024 LL A.C. Calendar



### October 26 Euchre



October 31 5-6pm

Trunk or Treat



**November 17 2pm**

### Bengals Tailgate Party



December

Cookies With Santa

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## Talking Trees

When I was younger, I learned that trees are disconnected loners---competing for water, nutrients, and sunlight, with the winners shading out the losers. That was Darwin's conjecture in his traditional "survival of the fittest" worldview. But as science continues to probe the natural world (remember, all conclusions in science—even the most accepted—are to some degree tentative and always subject to revision), there is now a growing body of evidence that refutes that idea. Instead, it shows that trees of the same species are communal and can also form alliances with trees of other species. Forest trees have evolved to live in cooperative relationships maintained by communication and collective intelligence that, in some ways, is analogous to an insect colony. As it turns out, trees **"talk"** to each other through airborne and underground communication networks.

When trees talk through the air, they often use **pheromones**, which are chemicals that can affect other creatures and have typically been associated with animals. A fascinating example of this is detailed in Peter Wohlleben's excellent book, *The Hidden Life of Trees*. In Africa, when a giraffe starts chewing on the leaves of an acacia tree, the tree notices the injury and sends out an airborne distress signal. When a neighboring tree gets the signal, it starts pumping tannins—which taste bad and can sicken the giraffe—into its leaves. But because giraffes and acacias have evolved together, there is a constant "arms race" between the two. Giraffes have learned to graze into the wind so that the tree's distress signal doesn't ruin her meal at the next tree. You could say the giraffe knows the trees are talking to each other!

Scientists have been thinking trees communicate through the air for a while but now are figuring out how they also talk underground. These **"mycorrhizal networks"** are the fine, hairlike root tips of trees joined together by fungus filaments. The fungi can connect the tree roots of neighboring trees in a primitive chemical and electric "nervous system" through which they send signals. For example, a study showed that a tree that was stressed by drought was able to tell its neighboring trees to prepare for a lack of water. The experimenters knew the signal went through the roots because this never happened if the trees were simply in neighboring pots—they had to have neighboring roots.

As we know, there's never a "free lunch". The deal made by the tree with the fungus results in the fungi consuming about 30 percent of the sugar that the tree photosynthesizes from sunlight---a significant amount. The sugar feeds the **fungi**, so the fungus can scavenge the soil for nitrogen, phosphorus, and other nutrients, which the trees absorb and consume. The tree is willing to pay the fungus so much because it can only absorb those nutrients after they've been processed by the fungus. An amazing symbiosis!

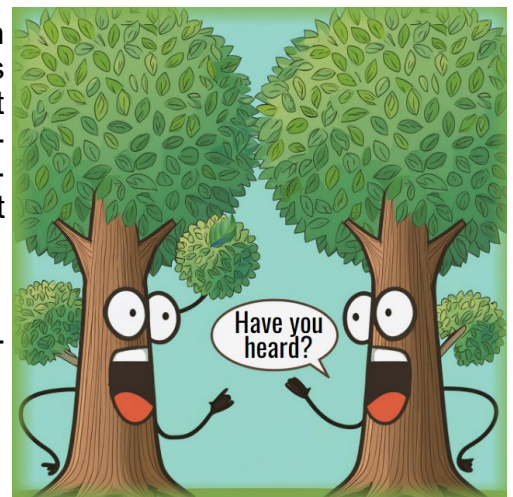
As usual, nature is ever more fascinating the more we learn about it. Does this new research show that trees are conscious like we animals? In my mind, it doesn't. But it does show that they aren't what many people think of them as: just inanimate objects not much different than a rock. I think it's smart for us to always keep branching out in our knowledge. And although that may be an acorn-y joke, it's also the truth!

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# The Legend Looks Back Martha Wallace

*A brief summary of what was published each decade, during the same time of year.*

**\*\*Attention all history buffs: This will be my last submission for the "Legend Looks Back." While I have enjoyed reading and reporting on all of the old newsletters, it is time for a change. If you are interested in taking this fun project, I would be happy to share any information I have. Please contact [thelegend@laketoreleiiohio.com](mailto:thelegend@laketoreleiiohio.com)**

## 1974

### September/October

Work was progressing on the Lake's sewer system with the hiring of a survey company to complete the first phase. The Board of Trustees was planning to apply for a federal grant to cover the engineering cost.

The Lake Constables were given authority by the Brown County Court to cite and/or arrest any vehicle operator who would break any current traffic laws.

The Men's Club started in the Spring with a Community-wide clean up weekend (see last issue). They continued to look for all able-bodied homeowners to help move the community forward.

### November/December

During the winter, all motorboats were prohibited from being in the lake. *Today, some boat owners leave their craft on their boat lifts for the season...to each his own!*

The Men's Club was meeting regularly for breakfast at the Clubhouse, at 8 AM on the second Sunday of each month.

The New Year's Eve dance was being planned to include a buffet dinner to be served after midnight.



## 1984

### September/October

The ballot mailing for the dues increase was in production. Yearly dues per member to increase from \$98 to \$150 per year. In addition, Per LOT and Per DWELLING use fees were proposed to increase from \$25 to \$30 per year, per lot or dwelling owned.

The lake level was scheduled to be lowered (valve opened) on November 1st. Many of the LLPOA-owned docks were in need of major repair.

Planning for the upcoming Holiday season was in full swing: A Halloween costume dance with breakfast offered afterwards; Thanksgiving community dinner sponsored by the Women's Club; Tree lighting party in December, and the New Year's Eve dance were on the agenda.

### November/December

The aforementioned dues increase was defeated with a vote of 251 FOR and 344 AGAINST (there were approximately 350 homes in the lake at this time). An appointed committee was formed to research and make recommendations to cut over \$50,000 from the next year's expenses.

The Children's Christmas party was a great success; 53 young believers got to meet Santa and enjoy cookies with punch.

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The Fish Conservation Committee asked for donations of used live Christmas trees to be put in the lakes for fish cover.

## 1994

### September/October

The Activities Committee was busy sponsoring the Community Garage Sale in August, a Poker tournament in September, and a Halloween Costume Dance for adults in October.

At the reported Board meeting during this time, the community yard/garage sales were limited to TWO times per year; in the spring and the fall, which continues to this day.

A “home-spun” Christmas Craft Show was planned with tables renting at \$10. This was sponsored by the Public Relations Committee.

### November/December

Spillway repairs were completed in the fall at an approximate cost of \$10,000.

The Board was looking at the purchase of a new dump truck with monthly payments.

The Public Relations Committee had finished designing a new Lake Telephone Directory and was busy selling advertising to cover the printing costs.

## 2004

### September/October

Another ballot was to be mailed to members asking for a dues and service increase to \$250 per member, per year. Benefits promoted were improving the roads, reduction of debt, establishing a dredging fund, and to re-establish a cash reserve fund.

Events planned to occur in the Clubhouse this fall were 2 Halloween Costume parties (adult and child); a talent contest, a Corn-hole tournament, an Arts and Crafts Show, Christmas dinner and program, Cookies with Santa, and a New Year’s Eve Party.

Three lake members were honored to attend the Republican National Convention in September, as Ohio representatives: **Bill Herdman**, **Ed Fuhrman**, and **Dorie Charles**.

### November/December

The October ballot mailing to increase dues was defeated. Many articles by Board members suggested ideas to cut expenses, such as Garbage removal to be paid by each home (not the lake) and eliminating any road improvements except for snow removal and basic maintenance. Office hours were to be reduced as well.

The Women’s Club reported the purchase of playground equipment near the Main Beach, after TWO years of fundraising efforts. They were also busy decorating the Clubhouse and planning Christmas events.

## 2014

### September/October

PRIDE (now the Community Volunteers) was getting ready to restore and paint the dormers on the Clubhouse.





The Women's Club promoted the Fall Yard Sale, which is now always the first weekend in October (the Spring sale is the first weekend in May).

The Activities Committee promoted the beginning of low-impact aerobic exercise sessions to be held each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in the Clubhouse. *This group met continually until the Covid-19 Pandemic canceled all public events in 2020. THANK YOU, John Huyck!*



#### November/December

For many years, the New Life Community Church held services in the Clubhouse, welcoming all members. They offered Christmas programs, Vacation Bible School, and social services to the community, among other events in their ads.

Just like 10 years (plus for some) ago, many of the same events were taking place in the Clubhouse during the Holiday season. *This author hopes to see them again, and even more new events happen someday soon. This is part of what makes this community **a wonderful place to live!***

The biggest THANK YOU to **Martha Wallace** for her years of work on The Legend of Lorelei both as the editor and a contributor. Your guidance and support will not be forgotten. Enjoy the next chapter! With appreciation -Katrina Stapleton



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## Office News Donita Thiel & Brittany Smith

Hi, I'm **Donita Thiel**, the new Member Coordinator here at Lake Lorelei! It has been a pleasure working with the staff & board members here at the office and meeting members here at the Lake.

I have lived in Fayetteville for the past 15 years with my husband, Dusty. We have two girls, Blake and Reese. We are also the crazy dog people with 4 Frenchie's and 1 Husky. We currently have our own construction business as well here in Fayetteville. On our time off, we enjoy camping, trail riding in the mountains, bonfires, and spending time with friends and family.

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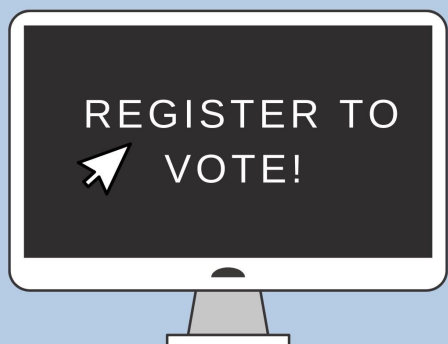
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# LLPOA Financial Summary Cash Modified Basis

## INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY JAN 1– SEP 30, 2024

Income		Expenses	
Auto Decals	\$65,090.00	Administrative	\$19,704.05
Boat Inspection/ Decals	46,810.00	Community Events/ Projects	38,926.17
Building Permits	25,606.04	Computer, Internet, & Subscriptions	17,717.73
Collection Fees	378.99	Insurance	25,859.00
Community functions/ Projects	53,797.66	Lakes Fund Loan Repayments	157,958.78
Contributions Received	6,481.04	Lake Maintenance	12,668.34
Dock Rental	16,415.00	Legal Fees	19,640.28
Dues & Services	458,128.60	Merchant Service Fees	16,326.33
Fines	1,520.59	Personnel Wages	132,069.58
Initiation Fees	53,888.92	Payroll Taxes	36,065.43
Interest Earned	21,413.56	Property Tax	13,455.95
Mowing and Chipping Fees	30,791.00	Repairs & Maintenance	102,139.46
Miscellaneous	6,138.96	Roads Repair & Maintenance	167,642.67
Lake Maintenance Fund	229,175.29	Security, Outside Services	2,700.09
Rental Income	2,325.00	Subcontractors	17,595.54
Road Assessment Income	180,101.25	Utilities	20,142.49
Sale of Lots & Equipment	21,020.99	Clubhouse Reno Project	2,368.52
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$1,219,082.89</u></b>	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b><u>\$802,980.41</u></b>
		<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u>\$416,102.48</u></b>

### RESERVE ACCOUNTS SEP 30th

Operations Reserves	\$212,030.51
Capital Asset Fund	231,112.43
Roads Reserve (Money Market)	181,628.99
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$624,771.93</u></b>

**Note:** Information is based on the most current data available. More detailed reports are available in the Lake Lorelei Office. Lakes, Roads and Reserve Funds summaries are also available in the Lake Lorelei office.

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